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AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

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SUBJECT: MAY-JUNE TRAVELS BY FONMIN MACOVESCU

REF: BUCHAREST 1956 (NOTAL)

1. AT REGULAR NATO DCM'S MEETING MAY 8, SEVERAL EMBASSIES
HAD INFO THAT FONMIN MACOVESCU WILL MAKE
TRIP IN MAY TO BRUSSELS, LUXEMBOURG, ROME (MAY
16-17) AND SOFIA (MAY 18). TRIP TO BRUSSELS AND
LUXEMBOURG WAS ARRANGED ON SUDDEN NOTICE; ROME IS
IN RETURN FOR PREVIOUS TRIP BY MORO HERE. SOFIA
STOP MAY 18 IS APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH
CEAUSESCU-ZHIVKOV SUMMIT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL)
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BUT WHICH MAY NOW BE IN SOFIA.

2. WHILE MACOVESCU'S FAR EAST SWING IN JUNE TO SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, AND MALAYSIA HAS SOUNDED INCREASINGLY FIRM UNTIL NOW, DCM OVERHEARD MACOVESCU TELLING INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ON MAY 7 THAT TRIP IS NOW OFF, APPARENTLY INDEFINITELY.

3. EMBASSY STILL HAS OBTAINED NO DIRECT REPORT FROM ANY KNOWLEDGEABLE ROMANIAN SOURCE CONCERNING RUMOR THAT MACOVESCU MAY BE OUSTED AS FONMIN; HOWEVER WE HAVE NOW HEARD ONE THIRD-HAND REPORT THAT IS ULTIMATELY ATTRIBUTED TO A RESPONSIBLE MIDDLE-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL SHOWING THAT RUMOR IS CIRCULATING IN MFA ITSELF. HOWEVER, ITS VALIDITY REMAINS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE.
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